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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ANTAGONIST FOR HUMAN  
TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR  $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ )

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The above-identified application qualifies for small entity status. This written assertion of small entity status should satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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